

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks and the allowability of claims 10-12. Claim 20 is allowable claim 10 in independent form. Claims 1-6, 13-19, and 25 were cancelled.

Claims 7-9, 13, 14, 16 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Primucci*. As previously discussed, *Primucci* specifically states that *in most instances the gaskets 34 may not even be necessary*. [Column 5, lines 59-60]. Applicant respectfully states that the claims are properly allowable for this reason alone. Furthermore, the Examiner argues:

In regard to claims 21-24, since the retainer assembly is a gasket, it is inherent that a multiple of seals integrally mounted within the retainer assembly to receive the inner band. The integral seal mounted to said stop to receive an end segment of said first inner band and is generally L-shaped. The integral seal would inherently include a first surface adjacent said stop and a second surface adjacent at least one of said first frame arm and said second frame arm.

The Examiner is essentially making Applicant's point. The retainer assembly of *Primucci* is the upper and lower blocks 20, 22 and bolt 30 with nut 32, not gasket 34. That is, even *Primucci* notes that gasket 34 may not be necessary but, of course, the retainer assembly is necessary to retain the wall portions. The Examiner's argument therefore cannot be properly sustained.

It should be further noted that the Examiner argues that a multiple of surfaces and geometries are *simply inherent*. This too cannot be sustained as *Primucci* discloses only blocks 20, 22 with a sloped interface 24. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of these rejections.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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